

the Version with Markings to Show Changes Made of the response filed 11/15/01 utilizes a marking system wherein deleted material is shown by strikethrough and added material is shown by underlining. Therefore, the dash on the marked up copy of claim 63 represents the removal of an extra space after the word "cells". There is only one space following the word "cells" on the clean copy of the amended claims. With regard to claims 35 and 37, Applicants submit that the relevant amendment to these claims consisted of the insertion of the following text, beginning with a comma, immediately following the word "diminished":

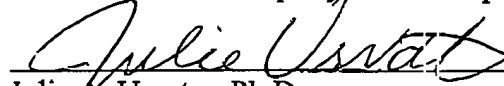
, wherein the immunogenic portion consists of the consecutive amino acids of SEQ ID NO:144 (emphasis added)

Therefore, the semi-colon that immediately followed the word "diminished" now immediately follows "144" and precedes the word "and".

Applicants respectfully submit that the marked up copy of the claims shows all of the actual changes made to the claims as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.121 and the Examiner may now examine the application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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